Coal blocks in Andhra Pradesh

1790. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of coal blocks in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the annual production of coal from the above blocks during the last five years; year-wise;

(c) whether any amount of coal from these blocks is reserved for the use of the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereon; and

(e) the total estimated tonnes of coal in proven category, indicated category and in inferred category in all the blocks of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) The total number of Coal blocks in Andhra Pradesh is 189 under the command area of Singareni Colliery Company Limited (SCCL).

(b) SCCL is operating 51 underground and 11 open-cast mines in Andhra Pradesh. The production details of SCCL during the last five years is given below:-

	(Million tonne)
2000-01	30.27
2001-02	30.81
2002-03	33.23
2003-04	33.85
2004-05	35.30
2005-06	31.90
(April, 2005 to February, 2006)	

(c) No, Sir,

(d) Does not arise in view of the answer given to part (c) above.

(e) The total estimated reserves of coal in proven category, indicated category and in inferred category in all the blocks of Andhra Pradesh are as follows.

Godavari Valley Coal Field
As per GSI Inventory—As on 01.01.2006

Non-coking coal—Geological Reserves (in million tonnes)				
Depth Range	Proved	Indicated	Inferred	Total
0.300m	5505.49	2239.12	102.25	7846.86
300—600m	2897.69	2900.71	553.05	6351.45
600—1200m	0.00	1018.34	1928.95	2947.29
TOTAL	8403.18	6158.17	2584.25	17145.60

Diplomatic relations with Mongolia

1791. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have celebrated fiftieth anniversary of diplomatic relations with Mongolia;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of new decisions taken recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India and Mongolia celebrated the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations on 24 December, 2005. A number of commemorative events were organized between 24 December, 2004 and 24 December, 2005 to mark the anniversary. The Mongolian Foreign Minister Ts. Munkh-Orgil paid an official visit to India from 22—27 December, 2005, coinciding with the 50th anniversary.

(c) India and Mongolia have recently taken a number of new decisions to further develop their close and friendly bilateral relations. These decisions include: launching of a new joint project for the establishment of a satellite-based e-network for tele-education and tele-medicine in Mongolia; signing of two agreements for the leasing of land and for the purchase of Chancery premises in Ulaanbaatar; signing of a Memorandum of Understanding to set up an India-Mongolia Friendship